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CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

601 Kamokila Boulevard, Suite 251, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707-2021
Oahu: (808) 692-8265 All others: 1-888-317-9081

Re: Imposition of an Annual \$25.00 Fee

Dear Parent/Caretaker,

Please be informed that the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171) enacted on February 8, 2006, requires that all state child support agencies impose an annual \$25.00 fee for cases where child support services are being provided by the agency, the custodial parent or caretaker has never received public assistance for the support of a child under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, and \$500.00 or more has been collected for that year. In order to be in compliance with this federal law, the State of Hawaii has passed Act 167 during the 2007 legislative session.

Effective October 1, 2007, the Hawaii Child Support Enforcement Agency will be assessing this \$25.00 fee once the agency has collected \$500.00 from the non-custodial parent. **Please note that you do not have to pay this fee directly to the Hawaii Child Support Enforcement Agency.** After the first \$500.00 has been paid to you, \$25.00 will be deducted from the next child support payment that is received by the agency and you will see a decrease in the amount that is sent to you. Once the \$25.00 fee has been collected, the regular child support amount will be paid to you. Only one \$25.00 fee will be assessed for each case that meets the federal requirements per year (for the purposes of the fee, a year starts October 1st and ends the following September 30th, which is considered the federal fiscal year). **For the 2008 federal fiscal year which begins on October 1, 2007, the deduction of the \$25.00 fee will commence in January 2008 if the non-custodial parent has paid \$500.00 or more by that time.**

This annual fee will not apply to you if you are currently receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or have received TANF in the past for the subject children in your case(s). There will be no fee assessed if the agency does not collect \$500.00 or more in child support from the non-custodial parent for the applicable year. Also, no fee will be charged if you have already paid the fee in another state during the year. Attached is a "FEE INFORMATION" form that you may complete and return to the agency if you have received public assistance in the past or if the \$25.00 fee has already been paid for the year in another state.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Child Support Enforcement Agency at the telephone number and/or address listed above.

Child Support Enforcement Agency

FEE INFORMATION

To: Child Support Enforcement Agency
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Suite 200
Kapolei, HI 96707

From: _____
(print name)

(address)

(telephone number)

I received public assistance in the State of _____ from _____ to
(date)

_____ for the benefit of the following child(ren):
(date)

(list child or children's names)

I have already paid the annual fee in the State of _____ on
_____.
(date)

I certify under the penalty of perjury that the preceding is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____